

ORCA NewsLetter

Oakland Radio Communication Association
Oakland, California

July 4, 2006	No meeting in July. RACES Fire Patrol of the Oakland Hills July 4th.
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Special points of interest:

- July 4th Fire Patrol
- Tactical Net Tips
- Hams Needed

President's Corner

—NEWS FLASH—

THIS JUST IN! — Early reports from the Sequoia Arena indicate a very successful and enjoyable Field Day Weekend 2006!

The setup went smoothly on Friday afternoon, and on Saturday, after a delicious breakfast, ORCA members were on the air for the 24 hour duration of the event. Many visitors stopped by to say hello and to see Ham radio in action first hand.

The weather could not have been more beautiful, and the plentiful food could not have been more delicious!. Many thanks and hats off to all who participated and made ORCA's Field Day 2006 a great success! More details to follow.

73 Dave **AE6PX**



[Ed. Note: Due to production demands, the following was written before Field Day.]

I am not a fortune teller and I cannot look into the future. I have a prediction however: I predict that ORCA's 2006 Field Day will be a fun filled weekend, packed with some hard work, lots of good food, and many, many radio contacts

on many different modes. I see it as a time of testing new equipment, and tweaking old "trusted" gear. It will be a time of overcoming technical "glitches" and surprising ourselves with our ingenuity and resourcefulness. It will be a time of trying to stay cool, and also, trying to stay warm. Some experiments will succeed and others will fall short of expectations. The end will result will be a great hands on experience with the magic of radio!

Today is the time to dismantle my HF rig and key that has served me so well over the past year. I hope my Field Day set up will be as reliable as last year, and perhaps even more so. I am hoping for a "Fine Business" weekend, and solid copy on

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ORCA Calendar

No meeting until August 5th.

2006 Oakland Hills Fire Patrol July 4th

2006 ORCA Board Meeting Dates: 7/25, 10/24

2006 ORCA/EBARC VE Sessions: 7/23, 10/22

President's Corner

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all!

By the time we read this Field Day 2006 will be in the log-book and soon we will begin planning for Field Day 2007. We have another great hands on opportunity coming up-- Fourth of July Fire Patrol. Fire Patrol gives us a chance to hone our mobile skills and net control techniques. It is also a chance to serve our community. More information will be forthcoming at Field Day, the weekly net, and the newsletter.

April's City Wide Emergency Drill, June's Field Day 2006, and July's Fire Patrol have given ORCA members ample chance to get on the air "for real", and to practice and learn. These events, while fun, are key in preparing us for effective and proficient radio communication skills. We are fortunate to have these opportunities to rehearse.

It was great seeing everyone at the May meeting at Oakland OES and the Field Day planning breakfast at the Rockridge Cafe. Hope to see you all at our upcoming hands on events and our August monthly meeting!

73 Dave **AE6PX**

Tactical Net Tips

Some tips for participating in a Tactical Net:

Listen before you transmit.

Use Tactical Names during the net. But be sure to follow FCC regulations for using your callsign to ID.

Think of what you want to say before you key the mic. Keep your transmissions short and to the point.

Make sure to pause between transmissions to allow any urgent or emergency traffic to have a chance to break in.

If an urgent or emergency situation occurs, do not transmit unless you have urgent or emergency traffic yourself. At the direction of Net Control move the urgent/emergency communications to an alternate frequency if it appears it will last for longer than a few minutes.

Never leave the frequency unless at the direction of Net Control, or you have informed Net Control that you are doing so.

If you have not heard any Net traffic for a bit, check your radio.

In hand with the previous tip, Net Control should check in with each station on the net roughly every 15 minutes or so if no other communications has been made with them.

If you hear a Tactical Net in progress and are not participating in the event, keep off the frequency.

Program your radios early and often.



July 4th Fire Patrol

There will be an Oakland Hills Fire Patrol by RACES this year, but as of press time details are not available. They will be given during the June 29th Thursday Night Net, so be sure to check in. Monitor the **WB6NDJ** Repeater on July 4th for an activation of a Resource Net. As with all Resource Nets, only check in if you are available for deployment.

In the meantime, some frequencies to program into your radios:

WB6NDJ Repeater 146.880 MHz minus PL 77

WB6NDJ Repeater 442.400 MHz plus PL 77

146.880 MHz simplex (**WB6NDJ** repeater output.)

442.400 MHz simplex (**WB6NDJ** repeater output.)

147.585 MHz simplex (primary Oakland simplex.)

146.565 MHz simplex (secondary Oakland simplex.)

146.505 MHz simplex (primary Alameda simplex.)

146.520 MHz simplex (National Calling frequency.)

Bike Against The Odds

The 4th annual Bike Against The Odds will be held on Sunday, September 10. This year, a century (100 mile) route which overlaps most of the 67 mile route was added. Mike **KB6MP** is looking for volunteers for the SAG vehicles and rest stops. Contact mpompa@inbox.com for more information.

Alameda 4th of July Parade

Andy Oppel **N6AJO** is going to coordinate amateur radio communications for the Mayor's 4th of July Parade in Alameda. We need 3 teams of two operators each. The Alameda County Sheriff's Communications Team (ACSCCT) did this parade for many years before a local CB club pressed the city for the assignment on the premise they were a "local" organization -- they fizzled and now ARCA has the primary assignment.

We're looking for 3 teams of 2 Hams each. Please contact Andy at andy@andyoppel.com if you wish to volunteer. The parade starts at 10, so the Hams need to be in place a bit before then. It's usually over by 1:30 or 2. That seems like a long time, but it's a very long parade (about 130 units).

Tour de Max

The Tour de Max is a bike ride held to benefit the Lance Armstrong Foundation. Jeffrey Koger **KG6ACN** is working to assemble ham radio operators for support. Interested hams should contact him for more info or to help at koge@comcast.net or kg6acn@arrl.net.

It will be held on Sunday, August 13th. starting from Hillview Middle School in Menlo Park.



Oakland Radio Communication Association

Club: WW6OR, N6ORC
Repeater: WB6NDJ

New Membership and Renewal Form

New Member Renewal

Family membership—number of additional Hams: _____

Name _____

Call _____ License: E__ A__ G__ T+__ T__ N__

Address _____

City _____ State__ Zip_____

Email _____

Newsletters will be emailed only to members who specifically request them. All others will receive them by mail. Email?

Best Phone (_____) _____ Alternate Phone (_____) _____

Best is a: cell work home Alternate is a: cell work home

Are you an ARRL Member? Yes No

Family Hams name/call sign/license class:

Please remit a photocopy of your FCC license (and any Family Ham licenses) with a check payable to "ORCA" to

ORCA
P.O. Box 21305
Oakland, CA 94620-1305

2006 new members: \$30.00 up to March 31, 2006
2005 members renewing for 2006: \$30.00 due by February 28, 2006

[\$22.50: 4/1/06-6/30/06; \$15: 7/1/06-9/30/06; \$7.50: 10/1/06-12/31/06]

2006 additional family Hams: \$5 each other Family Ham (not prorated)
2007 dues will be accepted: \$30, plus \$5 each other Family Ham

Final acceptance of this application and membership in ORCA with repeater privileges is subject to review and/or approval by the ORCA Board.

I agree, for myself and for any Family members included in this application, to abide by the rules and regulations set forth in the ORCA Bylaws and the applicable repeater operating procedures.

Date: _____ Signature: _____



Fire Patrol July 4th

Monthly events

1st Saturdays	ORCA Monthly Meeting - Oakland OES 9:00
1st Sundays	Livermore Swap meet Robertson Park
2nd Fridays	East Bay Amateur Radio Club
2nd Saturdays	Electronics Flea Market in Sunnyvale
3rd Fridays	Hayward Radio Club
3rd Fridays	Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club
4th Fridays	Amateur Radio Club of Alameda

Amateur Radio Club of Alameda meets 7:00 PM at Building 522 West Midway on Alameda Point.

East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 PM at the Salvation Army, 4600 Appian Way, El Sobrante.

Hayward Radio Club meets at 7:30 PM 1401 West Winton Ave. in Hayward behind Hayward Fire Station 6, next to the Hayward Air National Guard Base.

Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 PM at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette.

Note: The Swap meet has a new location at Robertson Park, Livermore
For more info

<http://www.livermoreark.org/swap/swap.html>



Weekly Nets

Thursdays	Oakland ARES/RACES Net
7:30 PM	146.88 MHz minus PL 77
Thursdays	Alameda Emergency Preparedness
7:00 PM	146.88 MHz minus PL 77
Thursdays	NALCO ARES/RACES
7:15 PM	440.9 MHz plus PL 131.8
Mondays	Hayward RACES
7:30 PM	145.130 MHz minus PL 127.3

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Please submit materials for the next issue by July 27 to Michael **KG6DER** kg6der@arrl.net or fax to 707 215-6124. Thanks again!