

ORCA NewsLetter

Oakland Radio Communication Association
Oakland, California

The next meeting will be on the **first** Saturday, **March 6, 2010**, 9:00 AM at Fire Station #1, Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King at 17th Street, Oakland.

Special Points

President's Corner

I'm pretty sure everyone has noticed lately that longer daylight hours are gradually arriving. This process will be given a further boost soon as clocks get shifted forward an hour on Sunday morning, March 14th. Personally, I look forward to longer daylight hours, perhaps even giving all of us more time to plan a satisfying Field Day program, which counting from next Saturday, will be only 112 days away! Everyone attending the upcoming meeting will find Field Day planning on the agenda.

For those members with an ear out for the functioning of our repeater-on-the-hill they will appreciate it is speaking English again instead of just Morse. Since it failed almost exactly a year ago during similar inclement weather conditions, the Technical [repeater] Committee met on February 18th to discuss measures to upgrade and further protect our repeater RF and electrical systems. Further details will be reported at the upcoming meeting.

Dave Cledes, AE6PX, recently submitted his resignation as a Board Director, expressing his current work schedule, working some nights and during weekends, is greatly curtailing his ability to effectively participate in ORCA activities. "I don't want to become an absentee Director," he said. On behalf of all ORCA members, I thanked him for his long Board service, and look forward to his earliest return to ORCA activities.



The ORCA Bylaws provide for a Board appointment process to fill mid-term vacancies. I have polled the Board regarding this development and a Special Board Meeting is now scheduled to occur immediately following the **April 3rd** general membership meeting to fill the Director seat vacancy. This timing should be sufficient for all members to assess their interest and declare their availability to serve the balance of this Board seat's term, which expires at the Annual Meeting of 2011.

The Get-On-The-Air training class has gone regional, with David, KI6AVR and Paul, KA6GEM, conducting two sessions on the evenings of March 3rd and 4th, 7-9pm, at the Concord Salvation Army facility located at 3950 Clayton Road, Concord. If you have a hand-held radio and really want to improve your knowledge of it and your operating skills, Concord is not too far to drive for the this excellent tutorial. I also look forward to our upcoming March 6 program presentation which will detail the opportunities to be active as registered ARES and/or RACES volunteer radio operators. Presenters are **N6SSB** and **AF6SW**.

My apologies for such a short Newsletter edition this month. Murphy must have struck my pen. While not duplicated here this month, the January and February Newsletter editions have detailed calendar listings for activities, meeting programs and HF contesting events.

73, David, **WB6NER**

Weekly Net Control

- **Mar 04:** David, **WB6NER**
- **Mar 11:** Open _____
- **Mar 18:** Open _____
- **Mar 25:** Open _____
- **Apr 01:** David, **WB6NER**

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ORCA Calendar - March 2010

3/6-7 ARRL International DX Contest (Phone)



March Meeting Program: ARES and RACES Programs Overview— Presented by Jim, N6SSB and Per, AF6SW

Monthly events

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| 1st Wednesday | Oakland Digital Net - 7:30 PM 442.400 MHz (+) PL77 |
| 1st Saturday | ORCA General Membership Meeting |
| 1st Sunday | Livermore Swap Meet (closed in winter) |
| 2nd Friday | East Bay Amateur Radio Club |
| 2nd Saturday | Electronics Flea Market in Sunnyvale (closed in winter) |
| 3rd Friday | Hayward Radio Club |
| 3rd Friday | Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club |
| 4th Friday | Amateur Radio Club of Alameda |

Amateur Radio Club of Alameda meets 7:00 PM at
431 Stardust Place on Alameda Point.

East Bay Amateur Radio Club meets at 7:30 PM at the
El Sobrante Library, 4191 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 Hay-
ward Air National Guard Base.

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

ORCA on the web:
ww6or.com and
[groups.yahoo.com/
group/orca_races/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/orca_races/)

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| Sunday | VHF NTS Net 7:30 PM 145.110 (-) PL82.5 |
| Mondays | EBARC 7:30 PM 10M "Explore Net" 28.425 MHz, USB |
| Thursdays | Alameda Emergency Preparedness 7:00 PM 444.575 MHz (+) PL 88.5 |
| Thursdays | NALCO ARES/RACES 7:15 PM 440.900 MHz (+) PL 131.8 |
| Thursdays | Oakland ARES/RACES Net 7:30 PM 146.880 MHz (-) PL 77 |

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Please submit materials for the Feb 6, 2010 issue by January 15 to the Editor; David's email address: wb6ner@arrl.net. Thanks again!