



NewsLetter

Oakland Radio Communication Association, Inc, Oakland, California

The next meeting will be on the **Second** Saturday, **September 11, 2010**, 9:00 AM at Fire Station #1, Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King at 17th Street, Oakland.

Special Points

- **Meeting Program 9/11:**
Under development —
Will focus on the hobby!

Weekly Net Control

- **Sep 02:** Peter, **KO6R**
- **Sep 09:** John, **KS6M**
- **Sep 16:** Selma, **KG6SXJ**
- **Sep 23:**
- **Sep 30:** David, **WB6NER**
- **Oct 07:**
- **Oct 14:**
- **Oct 21:**
- **Oct 28:**

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President's Corner

August 27 — Travel factors and timing constraints compel an earlier and shorter than usual edition of this Newsletter. This fits in nicely to provide a timely reminder to all that due to the Labor Day Holiday our regular meeting is postponed to the second Saturday, September 11th [See above].

Recently there has been some discussion of a "radio/picnic" after the business meeting on 9/11, but upon consideration of the inconclusive site survey results by principal site surveyors [**KA6GEM** & **WB6NER**] and their current out-of-town travels, it seems more prudent to opt for an in-house, hobby oriented presentation instead. Mike, **KB9EWP**, will chair the meeting on the 11th. John, **KI6EWY**, is assisting Mike with approaching a presenter for a suitable meeting presentation. Thank you, Mike and John!

Meanwhile, Board Directors have been busy on some other matters. Here's a summary. Earlier this week I confirmed the Holiday Dinner date with the Pier 29 Restaurant in Alameda for Tuesday, December 14th, 6:00pm for a social hour and 7:00pm for dinner. Save the date in your calendar! Menu selections and pricing to come later when timely. I understand the Board Nominating Committee [Jim, **N6SSB**, John, **KI6EWY**, Elizabeth, **KI6JJS**] has met and is eager to hear from those members interested in seeking leadership positions in ORCA. At the Annual Meeting, October 2nd, three Board seats will be open for election. Plans are also afoot for putting together a good SET Exercise on November 6th. Also good headway is being

made for updating the City of Oakland RACES ID cards with new extended expiration dates.

And finally, for this edition, a retrospective view of the ARES/ORCA Newsletter long tradition of monthly publication and a look forward. The current Newsletter platform and format utilizing Microsoft Publisher has evolved from very humble beginnings in mid 1995 with Mike Pompa, **KB6MP**, taking on the duties as first editor. The chronicling of ARES [and later ORCA] activities began and has been sustained since. Mike probably has more monthly editions under his "belt" than any of the series of editors that followed, holding the position until mid 2002. David McGuinness, **KF6FPQ**, took on the editor duties until April 2004, while further enhancing the format/look of the pages. Then in May, 2004, Michael Hole, **KG6DER**, became editor and introduced the use of Microsoft Publisher and established how the Newsletter looks today. Mike passed the baton to Bruce Gillis, **KI6CYT**, in April 2007. And finally, in April of 2009, the Editor baton passed to David, **WB6NER**, who has been since trying to maintain the high standards of relevance and interest on the pages established by all the above predecessors. Now looking forward, I think it's time to pass the Editor baton along again by year's end. To that eventuality, I'd like the assistance of a few interested members [maybe it could be team effort] to become oriented and comfortable with the Newsletter software and then assume the Editor's role and maintain this Newsletter's monthly publication in 2011 and beyond.

73, David, **WB6NER**

ORCA Calendar - September 2010

11th: ORCA Monthly Meeting (2nd Saturday due to Labor Day holiday)
11-13: ARRL VHF QSO Party
18-19: ARRL 10GHz and Up Contest



September Program: Under Development — Subject will be hobby focused

Monthly events

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/)

Weekly Nets

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 publication by the last Thursday of any month for next month's edition to the Editor; David's email address: wb6ner@arrl.net . Thanks again!