



# NewsLetter

Oakland Radio Communication Association , Inc, Oakland, California

The next meeting will be on the **First** Saturday, **May 7, 2011**, 9:00 AM at Fire Station #1, Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King at 17th Street, Oakland.

## Special Points

## President's Corner

### Weekly Net Control

Net Manager, Peter, KO6R

- **May 05** David, **WB6NER**
- **May 12** Tom, **KG6MAC**
- **May 19** Peter, **KO6R**
- **May 26** Michael-John, **KF6YRG**
- **Jun 02** Bob, **KE6IUE**
- **Jun 09** Per, **AF6SW**
- **Jun 16** David, **WB6NER**
- **Jun 23** Peter, **KO6R**
- **Jun 30** Michael-John, **KF6YRG**
- **Jul 07** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Jul 14** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Jul 21** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Jul 28** \_\_\_\_\_
- **Aug 04** \_\_\_\_\_

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**May 4** — Topping ORCA news, is the appointment of Selma Rockett, **KG6SXJ**, to the ORCA Board. Congratulations and welcome, Director Rockett, ORCA member since 2004!

Spring is definitely here in Oakland and summer is nearing! Awesome! And with these developments, the activity level in Amateur Radio starts accelerating accordingly.

Last week we had a very successful outing, supporting the Oakland CORE program with communications, both voice and data too! Michael, **KI6TYV**, will be briefing us at the upcoming meeting. Field Day planning continues at breakneck speed under the guidance of Bob, **KE6IUE**. Bob will be updating and energizing us on event status.

The ORCA meeting schedule will have an unusual gap in June. Everyone will no doubt realize by now I've been

"pumping" for all members and friends to attend the "First Annual ARRL East Bay Section Convention in Berkeley, on Saturday, June 4th. One cannot miss all the places I've seeded this Newsletter edition about the event. "First" times are very important to continued success! I hope all ORCA members make the special effort to attend. See everyone there!

The ORCA member [hobby/public service] Survey results are in and have been tabulated and analyzed by David, **KI6AWR** [with many thanks]. David will assist us all at Saturday's meeting on what it all could mean. The Board is also keen to make the results relevant for response to the members. I look forward to the dialog!

And lastly, for those not exhausted by July 10th, and still want to get on the air for contesting, checkout the IARU HF World Championship Contest. [See below].

73, David, **WB6NER**

## Calendar - May-July 2011

### May

**7th: ORCA Monthly Meeting**

### June [No ORCA Meeting on the 4th]

**4th: ARRL East Bay Section Convention — Berkeley**

18th: Field Day Planning Breakfast, 9:00am Rockridge Café, 5492 College Ave. [near Bart Station]  
25th-26th: Field Day! [ORCA FD Team Site Setup Starts Fri, June 26th at 3pm at Sequoia Arena]

### July [No ORCA Meeting on the 2nd]

**4th: Fire Patrol - Times and Routes to be Announced**

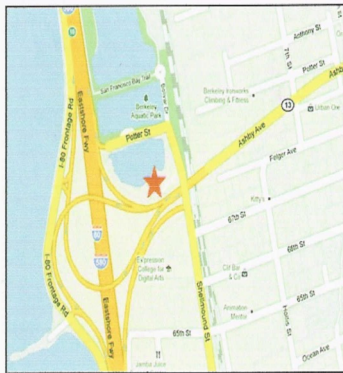
10-11: IARU HF World Championship Contest—1200 UTC Saturday to 1200 UTC Sunday  
24th: ORCA/EBARC/ARCA Volunteer Exam Session at Oakland OES Media Room  
27th: Board of Directors Meeting – 6:00 pm Location TBD

## ARRL EB Convention—June 4

### FIRST ANNUAL ARRL EAST BAY SECTION CONVENTION



The ARRL East Bay Section and the California Historical Radio Society are co-sponsoring the first annual ARRL East Bay Section Convention.



#### I-80 East

Take Ashby /Shellmound exit.  
Take Shellmound turnoff.  
Turn left on to Shellmound at stop sign.  
Cross bridge and turn left into first gate.

#### I-80 West

Take Ashby exit.  
Go under bridge & make right turn on 7th St.  
Go left on Hollis St.  
Take right on 67th St. & then right on Shellmound St.  
Cross bridge and turn left into first gate.



**Date:** Saturday June 4th 2011

**Time:** 0900 — 1300 hrs PDT

**Where:** 601 Ashby Avenue,  
Berkeley CA 94710

**Admission:** Free

#### Activities:

- Swap meet
  - Set up 0800
  - Open 0900-1200
- DXCC checking + VUCC, WAS, WAC cards
- Presentations
  - PSK 31 on iPad
  - Next Generation Digital Voice
- ARRL Forum/Open Section Meeting
- Door Prizes

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**ORCA Members Alert from David, WB6NER**  
As discussed and announced at our last general meeting, ORCA has cancelled it's June 4th meeting to encourage all ORCA members and guests to attend the ARRL EB Section Convention program! Here's an excellent opportunity to meet, socialize and learn new material with fellow Ham Radio Operators in our neighboring communities!

## ARRL Field Day—June 25-26

Field Day draws near! So mark those calendars in big bold colors, your choice of whatever gets, and holds, your attention, and plan to join us on the last weekend in June, Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> through Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>, for ORCA's ARRL Field Day 2011.

We'll convene Friday afternoon from 3 pm on at Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Miller Park, accessible off Skyline Drive in Oakland. Richard K6TI returns to lead the line team shooting arrows into the trees and stringing our antennas. George W6BUR will give an informal workshop on assembling a beam antenna, a truly hands-on experience—the Friday highlight is always the raising of the beam when George and his crew are done, nicely merging both efforts.

Campers get set up while supplies pour in, and as darkness falls we break for pizza and prepare for our 24-hour operating session starting the next day. I want to encourage people to come up and camp—we need the presence, but it's also lots of fun and puts you first in line for breakfast (with no driving). Saturday morning focuses on setting up stations and tweaking antennas. Operating begins at 1100 hrs and runs through 1100 Sunday morning.

The line-up this year is coming together with three HF stations, one focused on CW, and a VHF/UHF station. We look forward to getting it really lined up this Saturday at our monthly meeting, since we are taking a 'field trip' for our June meeting. We'll then put the finishing touches on everything at the traditional June Field Day no-host breakfast, currently scheduled for Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 0900 hrs at the Rockridge Café, 5492 College Avenue in North Oakland (BART, AC Transit, auto and pedestrian accessible).

Rumor has it there'll be a new arena fence this year—Field Day just keeps getting better. With you there, it will be complete. If you can't come this Saturday, please send the Coordinator an email at [ke6iue@arrl.net](mailto:ke6iue@arrl.net) and sign up to make this another terrific event.

**Bob, KE6IUE**  
2011 Field Day Event Coordinator

*Although there's no June meeting, we expect a June Field Day newsletter with more details and updated information, so look for that as your final planning document.)*

**OAKLAND RADIO COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION**  
**MEETING AGENDA**

**Saturday, May 7, 2011 - 9:00 AM**  
OES Media Room, 1605 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland, CA

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**0900 – CALL TO ORDER**

**Member and Guest Introductions – All** [Circulation of the Meeting Sign-in Roster]

**0905 – BOARD OFFICER UPDATES**

**President – David, WB6NER**

- Congratulations and Welcome to New ORCA Board Member, Selma Rockett, **KG6SXJ**
- Northern Amateur Relay Council of California (NARCC) Meeting Today - N6SSB Attending
- Review of upcoming meeting schedule & events, May, June & July

**Secretary – Mike, KB9EWP**

**Treasurer, Tom, KG6MAC**

**0920 – FUNCTIONAL & COMMITTEE / EVENT UPDATES**

**Membership Survey Results – David, KI6AWR**

**Technical Committee — Mike, KB9EWP**, Assistant Chief Engineer

**Website – Tom, KG6MAC**

**Weekly Net Report & Sign-ups – David, WB6NER** [Standing-in for Peter, **KO6R**]

**ARES – (TBD)**

**RACES Activities & July 4th Fire Patrol – Per, AF6SW**

**Upcoming Public Service Events – Mike, KB6MP**

**0945 – BREAK – SOCIAL NETWORKING**

**1000 – PROGRAM:**

**Part I: CORE Citywide Exercise Review – Michael, KI6TYV & Team (20 min)**

**Part II: Field Day Planning – Bob, KE6IUE (30 min)**

**1100 – Adjourn**

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**\*\*\*NOTE: Next regular meeting will be Saturday August 6, 2011, 9:00-11:00 AM\*\*\***

**June – no meeting** - All members encouraged to attend the ARRL East Bay Section Convention!  
Saturday, June 4, 0900 to 1300 hours, 601 Ashby Ave., Berkeley.

**July – no meeting** - All members encouraged to sign-up and participate in July 4 fire patrol activities.



## May Program:

**Part I: CORE Citywide Exercise Review** – Michael,  
KI6TYV & Team

**Part II: Field Day Planning** – Bob, KE6IUE & Everyone

### 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.

### Weekly Nets

Sunday	VHF NTS Net 7:30 PM 145.110 (-) PL82.5
Mondays	Hornet ARC 7:00 PM 146.880 MHz (-) PL 77
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
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Oakland ARES/RACES Net</b> <b>7:30 PM 146.880 MHz (-) PL 77</b>

### ORCA Officers and Board Directors

President:	David Otey	<b>WB6NER</b>
Vice President	Jim Duarte	<b>N6SSB</b>
Secretary	Mike Calvillo	<b>KB9EWP</b>
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Director:	Paul Bailey-Gates	<b>KA6GEM</b>
Director:	Elizabeth Brashers	<b>KI6JJR</b>
Director:	David Haycock	<b>KI6AWR</b>
Director:	Selma Rockett	<b>KG6SXJ</b>

#### Ex-Officio Directors:

RACES RO	Per Brashers	<b>AF6SW</b>
ARES EC	Jim Duarte	<b>N6SSB</b>
VW6OR Trustee	Jim Tiemstra	<b>K6JAT</b>
N6ORC Trustee	Per Brashers	<b>AF6SW</b>
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#### ARRL Pacific Division Officers:

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