ARRL Field-Day 2013

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A General Service Amateur Radio Club Since 1933

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Orange County Radio Hams Demonstrate Emergency Preparedness in Nation-Wide Drill at Walter Knott Education Center in Buena Park

BUENA PARK, Calif. —

Are you prepared for a major disaster in Southern California? What if we had an earthquake, major fire, similar disaster or more? What if cellular towers were knocked out? Radio amateurs in Orange County are here to answer that “what if”.

On Saturday, June 22, 2013, the Orange County Amateur Radio Amateur Club (OCARC) will be participating in a nationwide amateur radio emergency training exercise called “Field Day.”

OCARC is a group of amateur radio operators with diverse interests, and has been in existence since 1933. This is OCARC’s 80th Anniversary. Many of our members volunteer in providing communications with city or county emergency groups. Recently, several of our members supported the Orange Police Dept in the Baker to Vegas run. Come out visit the site, see what “Field Day” is all about and celebrate OCARC’s 80th year!

During Field Day, over 35,000 amateur (ham) radio operators from the US and Canada will practice their emergency communications skills over a 24 hour period with the goal of demonstrating portable power sources and completely independent communications. The public and the news media are invited to observe and even participate on the air in this radio exercise. Our group will be on the field behind the Walter Knott Education Center at 7300 La Palma, Buena Park, on Saturday, June 22 from 11 AM to Sunday, June 23 at 11 AM. We will also be setting up our tents and antennas from 2PM until sundown on Friday June 21. Link with directions: http://www.w6ze.org/Field_Day/Field_Day.html

For more information, contact Kris Jacob, OCARC Publicity Chair at 362/619-8870 or e-mail at kc6tdc@hotmail.com You can also visit us at http://www.w6ze.org

About Amateur Radio

Ham radio is an interesting public service as well as an educational technical hobby. Whether it’s contacting someone across the street or across the globe, or even outer space, ham radio operators are ready to supply reliable communications when normal lines fail. Ham operators range from ordinary citizens to astronauts and athletes to film stars and musicians. There are now 700,000 licensed hams in the United States.

More ham radio information is available via the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) http://www.arrl.org

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NOW OFFERING
ARRL AMATEUR RADIO EXAMINATION SESSIONS
(All levels: Tech, General, Extra)
Sponsoring Club: Western Amateur Radio Association (WARA), Fullerton, CA

Exam Site Location
La Habra Community Center
101 W. La Habra Blvd.
La Habra, CA 90631

2013 Exam Session Schedule
Thurs, Apr 25
(Note: This is the 4th Thurs in April)
Thurs, May 16
Thurs, Jun 20

Exam Sessions begin at 6:00 PM

Contact VE: George T. Jacob, Jr., N6VNI
Phone: Home 562-691-7898 Cell 562-544-7373
Email: N6VNI@ARRL.net

Pre-registration is requested and preferred – Walk-ins are welcome, but please arrive within 15 minutes of the published start time or call the contact VE if you are going to be late as the exam team will close the session if there are no candidates by that time.

On Exam Day Bring the Following Items

1. A legal photo ID (driver's license, passport) or
   Two forms of non-photo ID: e.g., birth certificate, social security card, library card, utility bill or other business correspondence with name of the examinee as it appears on the Form 605 and current mailing address.
2. Your Social Security Number (SSN) or FCC-issued Federal Registration Number (FRN).
3. If applicable, the original and a photocopy of your current Amateur Radio license and any Certificates of Successful Completion of Examination (CSCE) you may have from previous exam sessions. (Photocopies will not be returned.)
4. Two number two pencils with erasers, and a pen.
5. A calculator with memory erased and formulas cleared (no iPhones, iPads, etc.).
6. Test Fee: $15.00 (cash or check).

If you fail an element and wish to retake it, we are required to charge an additional test fee. If you pass an element, we typically offer and encourage you to take the next element. We do not charge an additional test fee for this and it gives you the opportunity to see what the next exam element is like!
OCARC 80th Anniversary Logo

The Orange County Amateur Radio Club began holding meetings back in 1933. That was five years before the ARRL W1AW station was established! To celebrate, the club board approved a special anniversary logo for this year. Numerous logos were voted on at the board meeting and the final selection is shown below. Various derivations were tried, but in the end simplicity won out. The longtime club emblem remains unchanged with the words "1933", "2013", "80th" and "Year" added outside the logo. Our club artist Bob - AF6C, designed the winning logo, one of three he had submitted. Bob has to pass along a lot of gas and credits to Sheri, the wife of Tim - KJ6NGF who made many valuable suggestions.

HAM JAM 2013 - Ham Radio Outlet Anaheim, California

Saturday, June 15, 2013 from 10AM-5:30PM visit HRO Anaheim for a learning experience and loads of fun. With June nearly here it is that time again to start preparing for Field Day 2013.

Hourly seminars will be held concerning Field Day organizations, antennas, operating tips, and exhibits by ARRL, Gordon West, American Red Cross, OC RACES, and many clubs with information on their Field Day locations.

Manufacturers Representatives will be on hand to answer questions and license testing will be available in the mid-afternoon. For those intending on taking a test please notify Janet in the Anaheim facility so we may have the appropriate amount of materials available.

The American Heritage Girls will be serving hot dogs, chips and soda lunches for $2. Three (3) prize drawings will be awarded throughout the day. Participants must be present to win.

Come join us for HAM JAM 2013 where we will have something for everyone. Stop by, enjoy some fun, prizes and perhaps some food and learn why Ham Radio is such an important communications tool, as well as a fun hobby for all ages.

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Events coming up in our Section and areas:

ARRL Testing — La Habra Community Center 101 W. La Habra Blvd. in La Habra. Jun 20, 6pm to 9pm FCC testing. Testing cost $15.00. Register with George N6VNI, Home Ph. 562-691-7898, Cell Ph. 562-544-7373 or N6VNI@ARRL.net.

Events coming up in other Sections and areas:


Note from the editor:

To read more on how radio amateurs provided communication support in Boston Marathon Bombings go to the following link — http://www.arrl.org/news/radio-amateurs-provide-communication-support-in-boston-marathon-bombings-updated

Also follow the link to Tim Carter’s account a volunteer at the marathon. An excellent read — http://w3atb.com/66-boston-marathon-2013-bombs-carnage-and-amateur-radio-operators

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73, Bruce, KI6RUW ARRL Orange STM