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Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

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THE PREZ SEZ

Well, another year has just about come to a close. We have had some fun, but some hardships too. Your Board of Directors has done an excellent job in meeting this year's challenges. Early in the year, we were forced to procure a new printer for "RF" due to WB6UDC's change in jobs. Fortunately, WB6TBU was able to solve the problem for us. Selecting a new Field Day location was the next major effort and was successfully accomplished through the talents of W6BNX. (Too bad more club members didn't make it out for Field Day though.) Some embarrassing but comical moments occurred when we held a good portion of our May meeting in the Heathkit parking lot, but the free beer later sure made up for it. The conduction of our club auction in the hallway of Lincoln Savings was a strain, but we profited more than either of the last two auctions under normal conditions.

Several other accomplishments this year deserve mention: (1) Institution of "Mr RF" in lieu of the old "capsule drawing." (2) The very fine technical articles in "RF" by W6HHC, and the cleverly created cover page for each monthly edition. (3) The tour to San Onofre Atomic Energy Power Plant and the beach picnic organized by WA6FIT.

As in the past, OCARC also met the challenges in legislative matters regarding Amateur Radio. Representatives of the club (quite a vigorous few, I might add) took a very active part in apposing both the antenna height restriction proposal in the city of Orange, and the increase in fees proposal by the state for amateur radio call letter license plates. Both pieces of legislation were successfully revised to the satisfaction of the Amateur Radio Fraternity.

The percentage of OCARC members who belong to the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) has increased and the trend is continuing. This is encouraging to me and indicates that my comments in "RF" have not gone unnoticed. Although trying at times, I have enjoyed serving as President of such a fine club as OCARC. I hope you will all continue to give your future officers the same fine support you have shown me in the past year plus. You have an excellent Board of Directors for next year. They deserve and will need your support. Don't let 'em down!

Thanks and Vy 73, *Jerry*
Jerry, WA6ROF

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I am sad to report that Willie Kirchner, K6MJU, who was a Life Member of OCARC, died of a heart attack at 1330 hours December 1, 1969. I am sending flowers to his funeral on behalf of the club. - Jerry, WA6ROF, Pres.

You may also want to mention that I have been elected as the new Section Communications Manager for the Orange Section of ARRL and express our thanks to the retiring SCM, Max, W6DEY, who is moving to Vista the first of next year. - Jerry, WA6ROF

QST QST: WE have information that HL9WW Will be looking state-side with phone-patch traffic beginning about Dec. 19th. This is when the Korean gov't has authorized third party traffic in previous years. Joe will be particularly looking for Orange County hams. He will be operating everyday from 3 to 6pm (PST) at 21.350 ± 10 KHz. This info comes via Joe's brother, John Churan, of Costa Mesa who is presently working for his novice. HOW ABOUT IT, GANG? LET'S REALLY GIVE THOSE GI'S IN KOREA A BIG SIGNAL FROM ORANGE CO.!!

 * CHRISTMAS DINNER THURSDAY - DEC. 18th *

The O.C.A.R.C. will hold its Annual Christmas Dinner on Thursday, Dec. 18th at Renaldo's Resturant on Harbor Blvd. near Imperial Hwy (see map on page 5). This fine event is planned to start at 7:30 PM and features the following:

- 1) Fabulous food at reasonable prices.
- 2) Free food for children up to age 12.
- 3) Free gifts for children.
- 4) A gift exchange for members and XYL's.

By now, Jack-WB6UDC, should have contacted you concerning your choice of menu and how many kids you will be bringing. If not, give Jack a call at 544-5369 to make your reservations now. Don't forget, if you couldn't make you reservations, you and the family can still drop in because there is sure to be plenty of room and food. Presents for the adult gift exchange should be valued between \$1 and \$2. (cont'd page 5)

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Minutes of the Meeting - November 21, 1969

The meeting was called to order at 2035 hours. There were no new members to be announced, and only one visitor, Earl Sutton WB6RLM. William Weise W6CPB, temporary General Chairman for the planned 1972 A.R.R.L. Southwestern Division Convention, gave us a breif talk on what is going to be required in the way of the co-operation of all clubs to make the convention a success.

Jack, WB6UDC, showed some fine films on Apollo 9 & 10 which were very interesting.

Ted, K6LJA, and Paul Taylor were appointed auditors to audit the books for 1969.

The treasurer's report was read and showed a balance of \$882.10 as of November 22, 1969.

Election of officers for 1970 was held at this time with the following results:

- President - WB6UDC
- Vice-President - WB6CQR
- Secretary - W6HHC
- Treasurer - W6BNX
- Activities - WA6FIT
- Public Relations - WB6TBU
- Membership - WA6UBW
- TVI - W6NGO
- Members-At-Large - WA6ROF & W6LCP

A motion was made and carried to raise the club dues from \$3.50 to \$6.00 per year for members over 20 years of age. A motion was made and carried to charge \$3.00 per year for members through 19 years of age. A motion was made and carried to charge \$3.00 per year for members in the same household, where the one member has paid \$6.00 per year.

The Christmas Party this year will be held at Renaldos in Fullerton on December 18th. Jack WB6UDC, is in charge of arrangements and an announcement will be made in the December issue of "R.F." stating all the details.

George, W6ZHD, was Mr. "R.F." of the evening and he kindly donated his prize of \$2.50 to the club treasury.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor of RF: You may think I'm crazy, but I swear the following story is true. I just have to get it off my chest before I go nuts!!

It was the night before Christmas and I had just gotten the tree decorated. The wife and kids were sleeping soundly. As I finished wiring the Heathkit SWR bridge the wife was going to give me, I decided to take one last look across the band. The wind was blowing hard outside, but when I looked out the window I could see that my dipole was still up. A fast scan of the band revealed no signals, but I figured, "What harm could a CQ do?" Who knows, I might even get a call from Utah to complete my WAS. Next, I'd start on my WAC. I already did work four countries. Hmmm... four countries in ten years... no, not really too good!!

So I tuned up my 50 watts and put out the CQ. Well, I'll be... there is someone awake tonight. Must be a new local calling me. He's really pushing the S-meter. But I wonder why he's signing as JTLXYZ... the phoney! I told him what I thought of him, but he claimed he wasn't a phoney and just wanted to say that there was an aeronautical mobile down 10KHz looking stateside with phonepatch traffic. Well, I told the guy I still thought he was a local, but I'd look down 10 KHz anyway.

I dropped down the band and put out a QRZ. Another phoney called me, only this time he signed 9K2ABC. He said that the "/am" station had moved down another 50 KHz. "Oh well, what can I lose," I thought. Just then an HKØ broke in to say that my signals were 9^{+60db} somewhere. Yeah, he's probably on the other side of town. Sure are a bunch of nuts on late at night.

So I moved frequency once again and called QRZ. This time, some guy signing as a TR8 called me to say that he was in QSO with VE8SC/am and to stand by one minute. I acknowledged him with a chuckle. Sure enough, the VE8 station called me. I went back to him and asked him if I could help. He said he needed a phone patch to his base at the North Pole. I used the phone number he gave me and tried to talk to the telephone operator without laughing too hard as I asked for the North Pole. She just giggled, and soon I could hear a telephone ringing. When a lady answered I patched in the VE8; the story I heard was fantastic! I heard him say that while on his urgent low level flight through Alaska he had flown into a huge antenna structure. It was a 30 element quad on a 200 foot tower owned by some poor CB'er. His craft was hopelessly tangled in it and he needed the assistance of auxiliary team. The lady at the North Pole acknowledged and said help was on its way.

I completed the patch and chatted with the VE8 while he was waiting for the help. A whole bunch of phonies broke in on us while we chatted. There were VU2's, XW8's, VK9's, 4X4's... you name it. I tell you, I never heard so many phoney stations in one night. Well, the help finally arrived and the VE8 thanked me for all my help and said he was on his way. I signed with the phonies and finally shut the rig down.

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR (cont'd)

I thought to myself, "What a night... I must have worked a hundred of those guys. Maybe it was all my imagination. I did have quite a few beers while wiring up that kit. I better lay off that stuff for a while."

Just then, the wind started blowing harder than ever. I heard something on the roof and thought to myself that the darn dipole had finally come down. So I went outside to view the damage when, to my surprise, I found a huge tower in my back yard!! The darn thing must have been 200 feet high... and on top, freshly soldered connections glistening in the moonlight outlined a 30 element tri-band quad. As I stepped closer, I found an envelope tied to the tower. It read, "In deep appreciation of services rendered... VE8SC/am." Inside was a WAC and DXCC certificate made out to me and a stocking full of QSL cards from places I never even heard of!

Suddenly, a crazy looking airplane took off from the other side of the roof. A funny looking guy in a red flight suit waved as he flew off and yelled, "A merry Christmas to all... and to all a good night."

Bob

Signed Bob - WB6QNU

P.S. Best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

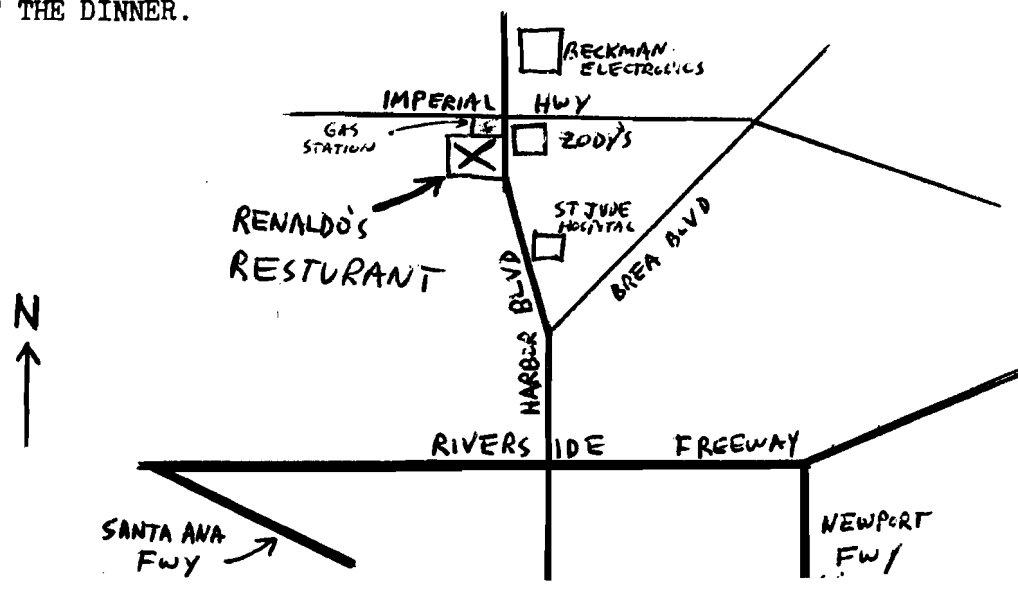
Ken - W6HHC

Bob - WB6QNU

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Annual Christmas Dinner - cont'd from page 3

All OM's should bring a gift suitable for an OM, and wives for an XYL. Be sure that you attach a label indicating whether the present is for an OM or XYL. There is also a rumor that SANTA will be there in person to give out the gifts to the kiddies. This should be a great night for all and a fine opportunity to bring all of the club families together again. Remember there will be NO regular meeting on the third Friday. SEE YOU AT THE DINNER.



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Dear Fellow Amateurs:

I have been selected as Temporary General Chairman to plan for the 1972 ARRL Southwestern Division Convention.

As many of you know the planning and organizing a huge convention will require the concerted effort of all participating club members. In organizing a convention of this magnitude initial expense will occur. Consequently, an initial loan of funds from each participating amateur radio club will be required.

To assist in planning and organizing for the convention I, as temporary Chairman, will need the following from each participating amateur radio club: a recommendation for some club member to serve as Chairman of one of the following functions-Program, Prize, Registration and Housing, Publicity, Advertising, Exhibits, Ladies, and most important of all a Treasurer. As plans progress additional chairman for specialized fields may be required. If so, requests will be made to the participating amateur radio clubs for additional nominees.

It is desired that your club advise me in writing their intent to actively participate in the convention. In addition, I would appreciate being advised which function your club will sponsor, with names, addresses and call of recommended chairman. Please give first and second choice of the function which your club desires to accept as their responsibility.

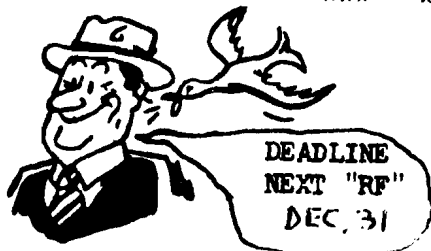
The above information should be forwarded to me immediately and the proposed chairman should attend the Orange County Council meeting the first tuesday in January where a more firmer organization can be established.

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Wm L. Weise
Wm L. Weise, W6CPB
Temporary General Chairman

NOTE: ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING, PLEASE CONTACT FRANK, WB6TBU

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DX FROM ORANGE COUNTY

BY JACK, WB6UDC

Band conditions have been holding up pretty good the last month for DX operations. Activity was heard on all bands. The CQ World Wide DX Contest CW portion was held at the end of November with fairly favorable propagation conditions. (Not for this author as the winds and QRN shut this station down!) DXpeditions have been active this past month the most notable being the Kure Island affair. Call sign was KH6NR/KH6. Kure counts as a separate country for ARRL DXCC.

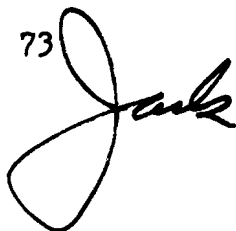
Roy, ZM1AA[†]/K has opened up shop for a one year stay at Kermadec Islands. His QSL Manager is ZM2AFZ. Incidentally the ZM prefix is being used by many New Zealand stations in honor of Capt Cooke the explorer who discovered the Pacific Islands.

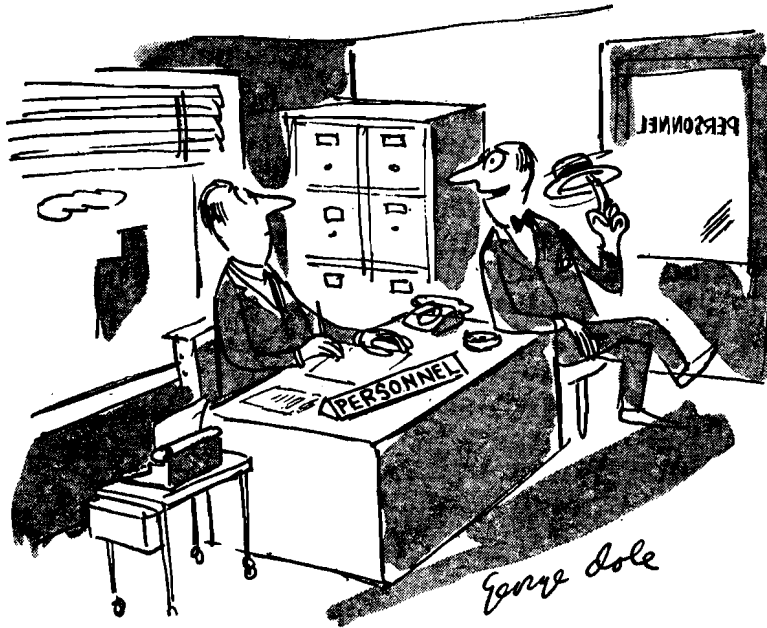
Heard Island is active with VKØHM there for a 5 month stay. He has been heard at 14200khz about 1400 GMT.

The following activity is noted from the authors log.

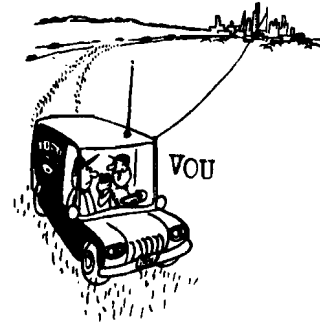
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| IS1LJO | Sardinia | Sergio | 21280 | 1506 GMT | |
| VP8KD | Faulkland Isle | Frank | 28540 | 1512 | |
| VP8KD | " " | " | 21340 | 1519 | |
| ZD7SD | ST Helena | Bill | 14203 | 0754 | |
| KH6NR/KH6 | Kure Isle | Don | 14235 | 0304 | |
| OE2PAL/A | Austria | Adolf | 28020 | 1542 | CW |
| CT1UA | Portugal | Nero | 28600 | 1528 | |
| HKØBKX | St Andres Isle | Francisco | 28600 | 1516 | |
| ZM1AAT/K | Kermadec Isle | Roy | 14246 | 0455 | |
| UL7RL | Kazakh | Slava | 14032 | 0342 | CW |
| F9UC/FC | Corsica | Jean | 14205 | 1513 | |
| GW6YQ | Wales | Geoff | 28020 | 1543 | CW |
| FR7ZL/T | Tromelin Isle | Guy | 14203 | 1503 | |
| GC2FMV | Isle of Jersey | Eric | 28045 | 1536 | CW |
| HG2RD | Hungary | Andy | 28530 | 1626 | |
| ZS6BKS | South Africa | Edgar | 28010 | 1740 | CW |
| 5R8AK | Madagascar | Ken | 14228 | 1534 | |
| FR7ZU/E | Juan De Nova | Jacques | 14217 | 1534 | |
| TA1NF | Turkey | Ted | 14243 | 1603 | |
| YA1ZA | Afganastan | Glenn | 14210 | 1540 | |
| VR10 | Tarawa | David | 21305 | 0204 | |
| 5Z4IW | KenYa | Howard | 14224 | 1545 | |
| CT2AK | Azores | Girard | 28550 | 1624 | |
| ZS3JJ | SW Africa | Apple | 28690 | 1643 | |
| ZS3JJ | " " | " | 21290 | 1949 | |
| JW7UH | Svalbard | Ed | 14029 | 1519 | CW |
| WB6TEU | Anaheim | Frank | 28580 | 1708 | |

See u next month with more poop on the DX activity from Orange County

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How big is your club station and do we get "DX-breaks"?



One of these days I'm going to get myself a mobile power supply.

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