



ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL of AMATEUR RADIO ORGANIZATIONS

Howard G. Brown, Treasurer 2008

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To: Sponsoring Club

Gentlemen:

The next OCCARO meeting is coming up and it is again time to remind you that the OCCARO 2009 dues are due in the amount of \$20. These dues are intended to cover OCCARO operating expenses including banking expense, mailings, web site, etc.

The benefits that OCCARO offers include access to early ARRL information, exchange of information regarding activities of clubs and access to a web site where, over time, OCCARO will maintain listings of things of common interest (e.g. speakers, auctions, etc.).

One outstanding project undertaken by OCCARO each year is the operation of the Amateur Radio booth at the Orange County Fair. The month-long activity provides the clubs of Orange County with an opportunity to demonstrate to the public the services that amateur radio provides to their community, and which may prove valuable during such situations as:

- Antenna ordnance debates
- Access To public facilities (e.g. Field Day)
- Emergency preparedness
- Access to local sites for repeaters

The cost associated with procuring and maintaining the booth includes:

- Booth rental
- Insurance (required)
- Construction materials
- Printing

This year's expenses amounted to about \$350 although it is common for individuals supporting the fair to donate additional funds to make the fair successful. These costs are underwritten by the member clubs through an annual donation, typically \$50 - \$100 from each club. We will recommend a budget of \$500 for 2009 hoping to reuse some material from last year. In order to allow adequate planning, OCCARO requests that the clubs consider making their donation at the time that the dues are paid.

For those clubs, associations and other organizations not currently a supporting member of OCCARO, we would like to extend an invitation to join us. By bringing together an amalgamation of clubs, we can speak with an even stronger voice. In addition it provides a forum where information can be shared such as activities that have been found effective in serving their membership.

Faithfully yours,

NOTE: This letter was written by 2008 OCCARO Treasurer Howard Brown. The 2009 OCCARO Treasurer is Dan Violette KI6X. Dues and donation checks should be made payable to OCCARO and sent to the address below.

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