



ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL of AMATEUR RADIO ORGANIZATIONS

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To: Orange County Ham Radio Organizations

Gentlemen:

The next OCCARO meeting is coming up and it is again time to remind you that the OCCARO 2012 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 last year's Fair expenses amounted to about \$650 although it is common for individuals supporting the fair to donate additional funds to make the fair successful. These costs are underwritten by some of the member clubs through an additional donation, typically \$50 - \$100. We are proposing an OC Fair budget of \$700 for 2012, anticipating the increased cost for the larger booth we enjoyed in 2011. We expect to re-use some of the items, such as the large map from last year, but expect overall booth expenses to increase in 2012. In order to allow adequate planning, OCCARO requests that the member organizations make 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.

Sincerely,

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