

OCRA Membership Meeting Minutes – May 13, 2024

Meeting Attendees (Total of 32 in-person and on Zoom) – Bob (W4FK), John (KM4MDR), Dee (KU4GC), Ken (KO4DHJ), Paul (N2XZF), Boyd (KO4GJO), Laurie (N1YXU), Bruce (N1LN), Dan (KR4UB), Dave (W4SAR), Karen (KD4YJZ), Bill (N8BR), Randy (KF4O), Jose (KD4JWF), Doug (KA5ETS), Fred (KN4QBZ), Derek (KF5CYN), Chip (KF4WBK), Mike (KQ4PEC), Pete (N4KW), JR (N4JQR), Aurora (KN4VXB), Mark (KR3AM), Al (KK4MEG), Alice (KQ4FCA), Ron (KO4RON), Daryl (W4AIR), Loren (KV4ZR), Brad (WZ4BSS), Dave (NA4VY), Jere (KQ4JDJ), and Wilson (W4BOH).

Meeting Topics –

- Many thanks to Ken (KO4DHJ) for his generous gift of a retractable screen to use for our meetings. The screen has been installed at the Baha'i center and was used for the first time during the May meeting. Ken – Sincere thanks!
- Mark (KR3AM) joined the meeting via Zoom all the way from Washington state, his new QTH. Thank you for your years of service in being the producer, director, camera man, lighting specialist, and other roles in the monthly meetings. We truly appreciate everything you did and appreciate your continued support of the club from the west coast.
- The full meeting was recorded and posted on the OCRA YouTube channel. If you haven't already watched the video, take some time and go to the link below.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vm-VHAfO6DA>
- There were two primary topics that were presented at the meeting –
 - 2024 Field Day Kick-off – Dave (W4SAR)
 - Emergency Communications Next Steps – Fred (KN4QBZ) and Bruce (N1LN)
 - Both presentations are included in the YouTube video linked above.

Closing Comments –

- There were group discussions related to having an OCRA directory with membership information and also subscribing to the OCRA reflector. Please listen to the last few minutes of the YouTube video to get the full information on these discussions.
- Dan (KR4UB) reminded us that OCRA members have the ability to indicate which OCRA mailing lists they would like to join. Members can indicate their preferences for mailing lists by going to their profiles, scrolling down to the section that has the options, checking off the mailing lists, and then saving the updates.
- Aurora (KN4VXB) updated the group that the Ham Pi Meet Up for this month has been cancelled, and the tour of Wilson's (W4BOH) Land of Magic has been postponed until August. Also, the July Ham Pi Meet Up will be in-person and will focus on using HamPi to reprogramming microprocessors and chips. Note that there will also be a Zoom option to attend the July meeting.

- The June Membership Meeting will be held on June 10. The main topic will be final preparation for the 2024 Field Day Event, led by Dave (W4SAR). Thank you all for attending the May Membership Meeting!

Respectfully submitted,
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