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*When you go home  
 Tell them for us and say  
 For your tomorrow  
 We gave our today*

Memorial Day was May 30th. The haunting inscription above was chisled outside the temporary Marine burial cemetery on Iwo Jima. In a time when our memorial holidays have often become just another day off or a sale at the mall, at OCS we always close our office in salute to those in our nation's military who have sacrificed to make our way of life possible.

## OCS at the Fair

OCS is a Day Sponsor at the Porterville Fair, and Thursday – "Special Friends Day" – was our day this year. Attendance at the fair was way up this year!

This was also the first year we offered our high-speed wireless Internet service to exhibitors. We provide year-round service to the Fair Office, so it was easy to extend that service over to the exhibitors barn. That made it easy for them to use a laptop to connect to their offices, keep up with email, browse or display their websites, and so on. It was a big hit!



**WIRELESS  
 SERVICE  
 AREAS**

*New customers in Yokohl Valley and Balch Park say service is GREAT!*

- Porterville
- Springville
- Pleasant Valley
- River Island
- Globe Drive
- Strathmore
- Terra Bella
- Lindsay
- Exeter
- Visalia
- Yokohl Valley
- Camp Nelson
- In progress*
- Success Valley
- Richgrove

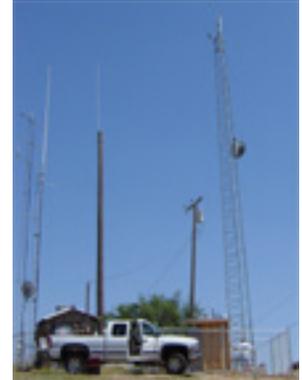
*NEW! Our new Rocky Hill Exeter tower will be operational this month!*

## RHE Ready!

*Initial service slated for Exeter and Badger Hill*

Power to the radios on our new Rocky Hill Exeter tower (RHE, at far-right in the photo) was at last activated on the afternoon of Friday, May 27th. We have a substantial list of pending reservations for service in the Exeter and Badger Hill areas, and initial installations will commence in the first week of June and continue until we're caught up.

RHE will also be a springboard for service further north toward Woodlake and Ivanhoe, with additional limited coverage in the direction of Mehrten Valley, Lemon Cove, and Three Rivers. Please contact our office for more information.



## Work from home!!!

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• **VIRUSES STOPPED BY OCS SYSTEM: 1,096,714** (last 30 days 18,111)  
 • **SPAM BLOCKED BY OCS SYSTEM: 25,404,505** (last 30 days 787,211)

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# SPAM from Germany

## Computer Virus Spews Radical Spam

Over the weekend of May 14th, some OCS email users were perplexed by a barrage of German-language spam waiting in their inboxes on Sunday morning. This was caused by the latest version of the "Sober" mass mailing worm virus, which began rapidly spreading over that weekend.

Most of these messages contained links to news stories "containing radical German political rhetoric," said Vincent Gullotto, vice president of McAfee Inc.'s antivirus emergency response team. A small percentage contained links to a website that tried to infect visiting machines with the virus, he said.

As these reports began to trickle in on Sunday, the first thing we checked for each caller was their SPAM filter settings. Virtually all were set with filtering enabled, so that wasn't the problem.

The time span between the release of a new virus or spam threat and updates to our automated central system to detect and stop it is insignificant most of the time. However, sometimes a new variety emerges and spreads fast enough that some will inevitably slip through before the updates can respond.

In a nutshell, that's what happened this time. By later on Sunday our logs indicate that no more of these were getting through.

Like other mass mailing viruses, "Sober" works by using other addresses found in recipients' address books and mail archives. It resends itself to all

of those names from each machine, using either each individual's address as the sender or sometimes a name chosen randomly from the list discovered on that machine.

The spam component of this process is the replication from each machine to many others. The virus component is the potential to infect each new machine it encounters as a new host and ongoing carrier.

THE GOOD NEWS is that, since the automated OCS system checks both incoming and outgoing mail for viruses, the proliferation was stopped very quickly. It was only during the brief window before this new pattern was detected and updated that some messages were able to get through and rattle around for a while.

But the large majority of our subscribers, including many of us at OCS, did not receive any of this spam. This generally means that those names and addresses were not found in any of the machines that were actually infected, so were not used in the proliferation process.

The bad news is of course that spam and viruses are here to stay; the expert forecast for 2005 is actually for an increase. The best defenses are a good central system like that at OCS to block the bulk of it, additional protection at your end for additional personal preferences, and caution as always about opening anything that looks suspicious.



**NATIONWIDE OCS SERVICE for FRIENDS • FAMILY • BUSINESS**



### Fan Mail

• "You have a first-class company. It seems in today's world that customer service is a thing of the past. This is not so with OCS, you are a one-in-a-million company." -EH, 4/04

• "Sedona AZ is not long distance so I will be able to continue with my OCS service ... yipppeeeee!" -AC, 3/04

• "You guys are great so I am glad to refer people to you!" -JS, 1/04

## OACYS INTERNET SERVICE PLANS

Plan Name	Average Speeds			B-M-W <sup>1</sup>	One-Time Fees			Monthly Service
	Min	Typ	Max		Service Activation	Install/Configure	Equipment Deposit	
1 Bandwidth-Mailboxes-Webpace (see notes)								
<b>DIALUP</b>	26K	40K	53K	1-5-5	25.00	-	-	24.95
<b>Accelerator</b>	Typically 2-5X faster			-	-	-	-	+5.00
<b>WIRELESS   STANDARD 2.4 GHz</b>								
<b>24 Basic</b>	125K	500K	750K	10-5-5	25.00	100.00	200.00	49.95 <sup>2,3</sup>
<b>24 Premium</b>	250K	1M	1.5M	15-5-5	25.00	100.00	200.00	79.95 <sup>2,3</sup>
<b>24 Business</b>	375K	1.5M	2M	20-10-10	25.00	100.00	200.00	129.95 <sup>2,3</sup>
2 Add \$10 per month amplifier fee for locations beyond 5 miles from nearest tower 3 Add \$10 per month for locations in designated remote service areas								
<b>900 Basic</b>	125K	375K	750K	5-5-5	25.00	100.00	200.00	59.95 <sup>4,5</sup>
Special "mission impossible" cases are those where obstacles such as trees or buildings between the wireless tower and the customer site normally make wireless service impossible. OACYS can now use new technology to provide service in some cases, sending signal around or through the obstacles. Individual circumstances will vary and this plan may not be available from all towers. Our free site survey will determine whether 900 service may be feasible when standard 24 service is not.								
4 Add \$10 per month amplifier fee for locations beyond 5 miles from nearest tower 5 Add \$10 per month for locations in designated remote service areas								
<b>WIRELESS   MISSION CRITICAL 5.8 GHz (where available)</b>								
<b>58 Premium</b>	250K	1M	1.5M	15-5-5	25.00	100.00	200.00	99.95
<b>58 Business</b>	375K	1.5M	2M	20-10-10	25.00	100.00	200.00	129.95
<b>58 Professional</b>	500K	2M	3M	25-25-25	25.00	100.00	200.00	159.95
<b>58 Corporate</b>	750K	3M	4M	30-30-30	25.00	100.00	200.00	199.95
<b>58 Enterprise</b>	1M	4M	5M	40-40-40	25.00	100.00	200.00	249.95

**Notes.** All plans include automated central email virus scanning, email spam filtering, and website parental controls. Some plan types permit webpace for personal use only. Wireless installation and deposit package may be paid in installments upon request. All speeds are symmetrical (same for upload and download) within the OACYS network only. All plans terminate at OACYS Porterville headquarters and transport to the Internet via dual T3s over dedicated OC12 fiber optic circuit. All plans subject to change without notice. Pricing and terms are current at the date of this newsletter and supersede previous versions. Please check with our office for additional detail regarding any of our Internet service plans.

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