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How OCS Got Started

A recent article about Adam Osborne, who would have been 75 last year, reminds us at OCS of how we got started.

OCS company founder Ted Olson had been working overseas for several years, flying commercial helicopters in Southeast Asia after leaving the military.

The Apple II was first released in the late 1970s, and at a small shop in Singapore Ted started trying to figure out what they were and what they could be used for. And, what was the difference between hardware and software, and what exactly was a floppy drive?

But the price for the Apple was just too high for what was not yet even a hobby, with no obvious practical use, especially after adding a confusing array of required accessories.

Fast forward to 1980, after Ted and Asih had moved back to California. Ted was still flying, but the personal computer phenomenon had started to gather speed and he remained very interested.

Then in 1981 an exciting new personal computer was introduced. Unlike the Apple, the Osborne 1 (One) didn't require external disk drives or an external monitor. Everything was built into a convenient case, and more than \$1500 worth of practical, popular software programs were included in the \$1795 price.



It had two 5-1/4" single-sided floppy drives, an abundant 64K of memory, and a small but usable 5" monitor – who would ever need more? The software bundle included WordStar (for word processing), SuperCalc (what we use Excel for today) dBase II (for database management), and BASIC (for programming).

And best of all, it was portable! The keyboard folded to close

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Clearwire News

In a letter dated April 20 2015, Clear/Clearwire advised local customers that its 4G WiMax and Expedience services will be discontinued effective November 6 2015, and that devices supporting those services will no longer function.

Click the image at right for a larger view. The letter is also posted at our OACYS office.

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and latch, and at less than 24 pounds it was truly the first portable computer. "Luggable" was more like it, but nothing else compared.

Ted and Asih drove to Bakersfield to look at one, and wound up taking it home.

Not long thereafter, it occurred to Ted that there could be a market for personal computers in the Porterville area. He contacted Osborne in Fremont to enquire about reseller opportunities, and before long "Olson Computer Services" (OCS) became the first computer retailer in town.

In early 1982 we started doing part-time business out of a spare bedroom, and that summer we rented booth space at the Porterville Fair.

The original Osborne 1 was a great machine -- ours still works! But rapid growth, marketing blunders, and an explosion of new competition did the company in -- by 1985 they were gone.

OCS moved on to other computers, and eventually we began building our own brand as individual parts and components became more readily available.

In 1985 Ted quit flying, after 15 years, and Asih stopped working as a teacher's aide. They leased space at the company's current location and stepped up to full-time focus on computers, software applications, and networking.

Ten years later, opportunity knocked again as Ted and Asih were presented with an offer to start providing true local Internet access.

Everything at the time was modem-based, using phone lines for connection to the Internet. There were no local numbers, and all Internet access required a long-distance toll call.

And, as with personal computers more than a decade earlier, no one really knew what the Internet was.

So OCS then became Porterville's first local ISP, and one of the early ISP pioneers in the nation. None of today's big names were yet in the Internet business -- not AT&T, Verizon, Sprint, Comcast, AOL, or any satellite-based services. Microsoft didn't even have a website.

In 1999 OCS installed our first wireless equipment, introducing high-speed broadband and eliminating the need for phone lines.

2015 marks our 33rd year, in what has become a truly revolutionary industry that barely even existed when we got started.

It's been an amazing journey!

Fan Mail



"Thanks for all your great services. I've been with OCS since 1995 and would never think of changing, you are the best ISP anywhere. I've recommended many friends and family to change to you, and not one has regretted doing so." -KL

Tired of satellite or Clearwire? You're not alone ... many of our new OCS accounts are customers switching from satellite, DSL, Clear[wire] and others. Tell your friends and receive a referral credit for up to a month's free service.

OACYS WIRELESS INTERNET SERVICE PLANS

Wireless Plan Types	Speeds (Mbps)		Usage Guideline	Mailboxes	One-Time Fees		Monthly Service
	Download	Upload			Installation	Equipment Deposit	
<i>(Note 1)</i>							
RESIDENTIAL							
Basic	1.5M	768K	20GB	5	100.00	Waived	49.95
Premium	3M	1.5M	40GB	10			79.95
<i>All Plans</i>							
BUSINESS							
Business	3.5M	3.5M	60GB	20			129.95
Professional	4.5M	4.5M	70GB	25			159.95
Corporate	6M	6M	90GB	30			199.95
Enterprise	8M	8M	120GB	40			249.95
MOUNTAINS							
<i>(Note 2)</i>							
Yokohl, Balch, Bear Creek							
Alpine, Pierpoint, Nelson	1.5M	768K	20GB	5			69.95

(1) Guidelines are the recommended bandwidth usage per month. There is no charge for excess usage, but prioritization may apply during periods of peak overall usage.

(2) Add \$10 monthly rural service fee to any Residential or Business plan.

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