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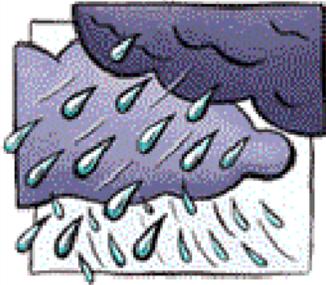
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Weathering the Storms

Yes we know, we wrote about stormy weather just two issues back – but who expected another Miracle March? Valley rainfall totals are nearly twice the average, and those who were lamenting the early spring-like weather through much of February are now crying “enough already!” Good news for roofers, and the Sierra snow pack is close to

150% of average in many areas – great news for our water supply, not to mention skiers.

And just as we reported following the New Year’s storms, the impact on OCS service to our wireless customers has remained minimal. Despite day after day of rain, high winds, and even hail and a tornado warning – there were no serious tower problems and only a few subscriber rooftop antennas were blown out of alignment.



Why so much hooting about our service and the weather? Because it’s easy to look good when the days are long and calm and dry, but not so when things get wild. If we make it look easy it’s because we work at continuous improvement, and many of our changes in the summertime are done with the winter in mind.

For example, last summer we equipped all of our solar-powered tower sites with backup generators that can be controlled remotely from our office, and those units have kept service up to all of the Lindsay, Springville, and River Island and Pleasant Valley areas despite several days of rain. Over the winter of 2005 we made multiple trips to those sites to recharge batteries, often late at night and on wet and slippery trails. Sometimes not even our 4WD pickups or ATVs could make it and there were times when hikes and even a helicopter were necessary.

The generators have solved all of that, and we’ve also continued to improve the performance and reliability of our tower equipment. We (and our customers) consider our service to be the best, and we intend to keep it that way!

Quote: “A neighbor went with a new wireless service in town and said performance has been going downhill for weeks, it’s very slow. He is unfortunately locked into a long-term contract but he recommended OCS!” (See also Fan Mail in this issue...)

WIRELESS SERVICE AREAS

Subscribers on our new Rocky Hill Exeter tower 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

Our new Rocky Hill Exeter tower also covers Badger Hill Estates!

- VIRUSES STOPPED BY OCS SYSTEM: 1,253,687 (Mar 2006: 2,173)
- SPAM BLOCKED BY OCS SYSTEM: 35,839,834 (Mar 2006: 1,185,665)

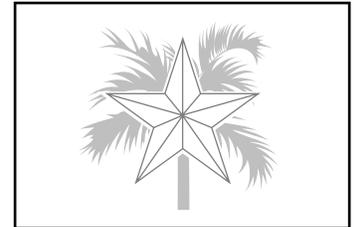
OACYS in the Lone Star State

Every business owner and manager who takes a vacation knows it can be brutal catching up with the work that accumulates while you’re gone.

OACYS owners Ted and Asih Olson recently spent three weeks in Texas, visiting their daughter and son-in-law for the birth of their first grandchild.

Just as we reported when visiting Okinawa in March 2005 (they’re an Air Force family), their home in Abilene also has broadband Internet service. It’s only DSL so the term “high-speed” would be a stretch, but our OACYS Wireless doesn’t extend quite that far (yet)! So just as before it took only a short while to connect our laptop to their service and then register with our headquarters here in Porterville, which in turn permitted access through our

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system firewall and into the home network. We may have been in Texas but the only change in terms of access was that we were sitting at a different desk. And this time we also plugged in a VoIP phone and transferred normal office calls to our new extension in Abilene.

So why in the world would we want to bother with work while on vacation, especially with a new grandson in the family? Because the ability to stay in touch eliminates the stress of leaving it all to pile up until returning to the office. We were able to check and respond to email regularly, remain in easy touch with the office, manage various support issues, and keep up with projects and other work – all just as though we were there. In other words, this is actually a way to rationalize *more* vacations, thanks to technology!

This is also how we keep in touch from hotel rooms while travelling, and how OCS connects branch offices and home-to-office connections for our clients over highly secure links. Want to know more? Please contact our office at any time!



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UPS Backup

During the storms this season we've handled many calls from customers who experienced brief power dips or outages at their homes or offices, which can sometimes cause lost data or equipment problems. The simplest solution in these situations is an inexpensive UPS (Uninterruptable Power Supply). These devices are essentially a battery backup unit that plugs in between your computer and the wall socket ... when a dip or outage is sensed, the batteries take over automatically and keep you running.

Larger units will provide this temporary power for longer periods of time, but a small device for home use will typically allow from 15-30 minutes for \$50-\$100, plenty of time to save your work and shut down normally if the power hasn't returned. You can find several UPS options at OfficeMax or other computer retailers, or online at apcc.com, or check with our office.

PS: For wireless users, don't forget to add a UPS where your wireless radio and router are plugged in!

Our customers rely on OCS to be up even during power outages, and this is how you can do the same on your end.



Fan Mail

"I've been wanting to get wireless service for a long time, and have done some checking with neighbors and friends around town. Everyone says the same thing – OCS is not the cheapest, but you're the best!" -MB, 3/06

Editor's Note: We don't think it's possible to be both, so we decided 24 years ago we'd rather be known as the best – and we're still here!

OACYS INTERNET SERVICE PLANS

Plan Name	Average Speeds			B-M-W ¹	One-Time Fees			Monthly Service
	Min	Typ	Max		Service Activation	Install/Configure	Equipment Deposit	
1 Bandwidth-Mailboxes-Webpace (see notes)								
DIALUP	26K	40K	53K	1-5-5	25.00	-	-	24.95
Accelerator	Typically 2-5X faster			-	-	-	-	+5.00
WIRELESS STANDARD 2.4 GHz								
24 Basic	125K	500K	750K	10-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	49.95 ^{2,3}
24 Premium	250K	1M	1.5M	15-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	79.95 ^{2,3}
24 Business	375K	1.5M	2M	20-10-10	25.00	100.00	100.00	129.95 ^{2,3}
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								
900 Basic	125K	375K	750K	5-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	59.95 ^{4,5}
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								
WIRELESS MISSION CRITICAL 5.8 GHz (where available)								
58 Premium	250K	1M	1.5M	15-5-5	25.00	100.00	100.00	99.95
58 Business	375K	1.5M	2M	20-10-10	25.00	100.00	100.00	129.95
58 Professional	500K	2M	3M	25-25-25	25.00	100.00	100.00	159.95
58 Corporate	750K	3M	4M	30-30-30	25.00	100.00	100.00	199.95
58 Enterprise	1M	4M	5M	40-40-40	25.00	100.00	100.00	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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