

## 2006 Orange County Science and Engineering Fair



This was the first year that OC Branch was involved in the OC Science & Engineering Fair, and I was glad to be able to help. The event was held at the Orange County Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The experiments/projects were separated into Fluids/Aerodynamics/Thermodynamics, Applied Mechanics/Structures & Mechanisms/Manufacturing, Electricity and Electronics, Physics/Astronomy, Mathematics and Software, Earth Science/Physical Environment, Environmental Science/Ecology, Zoology, Botany, Biochemistry/Molecular Biology, Microbiology and Cell Biology, Physiology, Behavioral Sciences, and Social Sciences. In addition there were approximately 30 special awards.

The winners of this event went on to Sacramento to compete in a State wide event. The children today are much smarter than me at that age. I was disappointed that there was no erupting volcano. What is a science fair without an erupting volcano? Maybe next year!! Our volunteers found the whole event very satisfying and hopefully a few more of our members will join us next year.

