



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club

August 2013

President's Message

I can't believe it's August already. Our family is just about to head for Texas where my #4 son will be going to Texas A&M for his ChemE.

We were all saddened by the news that Bill W6ZJE had a major heart attack two weeks ago. That's the bad news. Here's the good. He's in re-hab already and doing better every day. Bill's family would like for all of Bill's HAM Buddies to visit him at Park Vista on Brea Boulevard since this will stimulate his mind and help him to recover faster. Bill has already had a fair number of visitors and all of the reports show day-to-day improvement.

Not too much happening right now but Gene has some community service opportunities coming up later in the year.

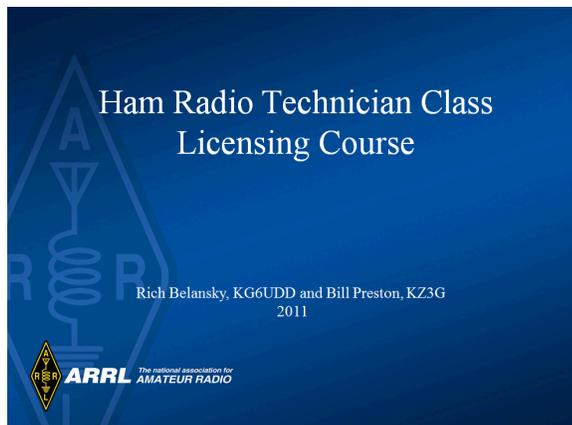
Our TAG group had a good turnout on Wednesday and we had a bunch of show & tell in addition to lots of stimulating conversation. Of course DQ had a new super rare widget. I don't know what he'll do when he finally corners the market on rare radios, etc.

Well, I'm sure I'm missing something but I need to get this to Paul.

73, Bill KZ3G

August Club Meeting Topic

Rich Belansky, KG6UDD, will give a "show & tell" overview of the FRC Technician License Class the he and Bill Preston, KZ3G gave in 2011. As a special bonus, Walter Clark will be providing one of his elegant demonstrations on the topic of vertical and horizontal polarization (important when thinking about antennas).



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Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE Status

As most or all of you know by now, Bill had a serious cardiac "event" a little over 3 weeks ago, along other complications. Those of us who have visited Bill saw him comatose for several days, but with visible and positive improvement in recent days. Following is a quotation received today from Bill's son Bob that many of you received through the Club's Yahoo-Groups message board to give you a bit of update on Bill's condition and family's desire for our continued visits (another good reason to enroll in the Club Yahoo-Groups).

"I would like to take this opportunity to echo my Dad's words and thank you all who have visited him."

"Many years ago I worked for Harvey Shapiro, an anesthesiologist at UCSD and pioneer of some of the treatments used today to protect the brain after stroke and cardiac arrest. He said that regaining "minimal speech and motor skills" after 3 weeks, as I described my Dad's current status, was a good sign. The biggest gains in recovery he says occur in the first 3 months. So far we appear to be on track. We are all convinced that he recognizes us. Mostly his speech is slurred, but on occasion clear and appropriate. Since it's only a few days since he's been speaking at all, this progress is encouraging. If you have the time, visits from his friends and family are of inestimable value right now, and I encourage you to continue. I will be down again tomorrow from NorCal, and look forward to seeing some of you again. We his family deeply appreciate the outpouring of love and support from the Fullerton Radio Club. Thank you! "

Bob Kohlenberger
"Explore, Discover, Share"

As things change for Bill the Club will try to keep you informed when we can.

Bill's family is asking for his friends to visit him but not too many at one time, and not too much excitement. Intent is to provide some controlled stimulation through familiar voices, events and subjects discussion that Bill will recognize and respond.

There is a visitor registration book in Bill's room. Please sign in so his family knows who was there.

Location for visits:

Park Vista, 2525 Brea Boulevard, Fullerton; on the north side of Brea Boulevard, close to Bastanchury Road. There is ample parking and a reception area where you will need to sign in and get a visitor's badge. They will direct you to his room.

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Show –and–Tell

Bring something of interest to the meeting to show and share your story.
Something old, new, or just of interest to hams.

Web site: www.FullertonRadioClub.com

August Board Meeting Minutes

President Bill Preston KZ3G, called the August Board meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Others in attendance included Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Vice President Richard Belansky, KG6UDD, Secretary Linda Endsley KJ6IHB, Board Members at Large Larry McDavid W6FUB, Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, members Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU, Paul Broden, K6MHD, and Albert Solomon AG6OF.

Minutes of the July Board Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report: Savings account; \$ 3,072.59.
Checking account; \$ 2,191.28.

Old business:

The dinners at Coco's before the general meetings will be at 5 PM SHARP and will be ending prior to 7 PM so that the general meetings will be able to start on time and end on time.

The next OCCARO meetings scheduled for August.

New Business:

There is 1 member renewal as of today.

The August general meeting speaker will be – Richard Belansky, subject: Overview of Fullerton Radio Club License Class.

LaPalma Days are November 9.

Special Olympics are December 14-15.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, September 4, 2013, at

7:30 PM.

The meeting was closed at 8:10 PM

Submitted by Secretary, Linda Endsley KJ6IHB

FRC Will Be Active at HamCon in September

The annual ARRL Southwestern Division Convention (SWHAMCON) will take place September 6-8, 2013 at the Marriott Santa Ynez Valley Hotel and Convention Center in Buellton, which is 45 miles beyond Santa Barbara on Highway 101.

Among the confirmed forum speakers this year are FRC members April Moell WA6OPS, Joe Moell K0OV and Dennis Kidder W6DQ. There will also be the usual commercial and non-commercial exhibitors, an evening banquet and transmitter hunts. An on-foot hunt takes place Saturday afternoon, preceded by an RDF antenna-building workshop. There will also be mobile transmitter hunts on Saturday and Sunday.

The official convention Web site is up at <http://www.swhamcon.com>. The block of rooms at the Marriott set aside for the special convention rate is now sold out, but the hotel still has rooms available at regular rates, including discounts for seniors and AAA members. Also there are several less expensive nearby hotels listed on the convention Web site (click on VENUE).

73,
Joe Moell K0OV

On-foot Transmitter Hunting Report

The next southern California on-foot transmitter hunt will be another training event at Mt. Pinos on August 24-25, similar to the last such event on the fourth weekend of July. Several southern California radio-orientees are in training for the 13th annual USA championships of Amateur Radio Direction Finding (ARDF) which takes place on the second week and weekend of October in the Birkhead Wilderness Area of central North Carolina. Winners of these championships are likely to be selected for membership in ARDF Team USA, which will travel to the mountains of Kazakhstan for the 17th ARDF World Championships in September 2014. Details of the championships and the August Mt. Pinos practice are at www.homingin.com.

73,
Joe Moell K0OV

FRC Mobile T-Hunt Report

The Fullerton Radio Club's monthly mobile transmitter hunt is intended to be easy enough for beginners to succeed, but difficult enough to challenge experienced hunters. Time is not a factor in winning, just odometer mileage. On June 15th, Bob Miller N6ZHZ put a very low powered transmitter (just 50 milliwatts) in bushes in the parking lot of a shopping center in Anaheim Hills, just off Nohl Ranch Road at San Vicente Lane. The altitude

there is high enough that the signal could be heard at the starting point.

<u>Team Calls</u>	<u>Odo Miles</u>
N6MJN	10.3
N6AIN/WA6PYE	11.6
AB6PA/N6BOX	12.6
WA6CYY	Did not finish

Winner Dave Balgie N6MJN became responsible for the hunt on July 20. He put out two transmitters (Isn't that against the rules?) in residential areas, one in Costa Mesa and the other in Newport Beach. The first ran 2.5 watts into a vertical antenna and the second ran five watts into a quad. Both teams found the second one first.

<u>Team Calls</u>	<u>Odo Miles</u>
N6AIN/WA6PYE	24.8
KK6BPP/N6ZHZ	32.6

The next hunt is Saturday, August 17, starting at 8 PM from the top of Acacia Drive in Fullerton.

73,

Joe Moell K0OV

Next FRC Meeting

Wednesday, August 21, 2013
**Chapman Activity Center,
2515 San Carlos Drive,
Fullerton.**

Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity this fall?

We are looking for volunteers for Marathon, weekend October 11-13.

Sign up today to volunteer at the 2013 Long Beach International City Bank Marathon; it is easy! Just click on the volunteer shift you would like to volunteer for and join the fun.

All volunteer will receive a volunteer t-shirt, special volunteer parking, lunch, community service hours, detailed training before your shift begins and a pat on the back for giving back

If you have any questions or would like to sign up as a volunteer group please contact me; awootton@runracing.com.

Thank you,
Allison Wootton

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Public Service Event

The Special Olympics needs ham radio operators for their event **December 14 & 15, 2013** – Plan ahead. It will be their second event of the year. Contact Mark Lidikay at ke6tnm@scan.org for more info.

FRC Regular Club Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month
Chapman Activity Center
2515 San Carlos Dr.
Fullerton, CA

Next Regular Meeting
Wednesday,

August 21, 2013

Dinner before the meeting at 5:00 PM at:
Coco's Restaurant, 1011 N. Harbor Blvd.

Meeting time: 7:00 PM FRC Board Meeting

Open to all members

Marie Callender's Restaurant
126 Yorba Linda Blvd., Placentia
First Wednesday of each month.

Next Board Meeting
September 4, 2013

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL / APPLICATION

Fullerton Radio Club
PO Box 545, Fullerton, CA 92836

(Please Print)

Name #1 _____

Call: _____ Class: _____

Name #2 _____

Call: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Phone #1: _____

Email #1: _____

Phone #2: _____

Email #2: _____

ARRL Member Yes No

Special Amateur Radio Interests: _____

Dues are \$20 per member, or \$25 per family. Students (full time) \$10

Bring your application and dues payment to the next meeting or mail to the above address.