



Smoke Signals

Newsletter of Fullerton Radio Club, Inc.

December 2009

Pres Speaks

As 2009 comes to a close with our Holiday/Installation Dinner, we can look back on a very busy and successful year for the Fullerton Radio Club. I hope you plan to join us for dinner on at the Friday, December 18 at the Marie Callender's Restaurant in Yorba Linda. Installation of officers, QSO, opportunity drawing, and holiday cheer are just some of the highlights.

As we welcome Albert Solomon KI6WRU to the Vice President position for 2010, I extend heartfelt THANKS to outgoing VP Bill Preston KZ3G. Not only did Bill round up a great year of speakers, he also kept the club running smoothly during my annual summer commitment. Bill, thank you for your commitment and contribution to the FRC! I look forward to your continuing participation as your time and global location permits (see Bill for details). I look forward to working with Albert Solomon KI6WRU in 2010 and extend my thanks to the entire FRC board for their support in 2009 and continuing efforts in 2010.

Dues are due! If you haven't sent in your dues for 2010, this is your courtesy reminder. Gene KB6CMO will be collecting dues at the dinner, if you wish to save a stamp.

Opportunity Drawing! Gene KB6CMO and Cheryl KE6TZU have been very busy working on items for the opportunity drawing. Their efforts are more difficult this year, due to the economic challenges of our vendors. Please remember to thank them for supporting FRC when you shop at their stores.

Please remember that we will not have a regular Wednesday meeting this month. See you at Marie Callender's on Friday December 18!

73's,
Robert KI6KWY

December Holiday Meeting

Friday, December 18 will find Fullerton Radio Club having our annual holiday dinner meeting and installation of club officers for 2010. We will be gathering at Marie Callender's restaurant on Yorba Linda Boulevard at Kraemer in Placentia. QSO time begins at 6:30 PM with dinner served promptly at 7:00. Dinner reservations were to be in by December 1, but there should still be room for you to order a meal from the regular menu. You may also come a bit later without the meal, if you so desire.

Remember, we will have our typical opportunity drawings with both ham and non-ham stuff. As always, we will have a special drawing item for the big prize. We hope to see everyone there.

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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

January 2010 Program

AMSAT area coordinator Clint Bradford, K6LCS, will be presenting his "Working Amateur Satellites With Your HT" multimedia session at our **January 20, 2010 meeting**.

"Tentatively, we'll have a workable pass of AO-51 at 5:12PM that evening," Clint reports. "If you would like to show up early, I'll be working the satellite from the parking lot."

Attendees should download Clint's four-page tutorial and radio programming matrix before the meeting from ... <http://www.work-sat.com>.

And Clint welcomes pre-presentation questions - call him at 909-241-7666, or send email to clint@clintbradford.com

Election Results

By: Paul Broden K6MHD, Secretary

I believe in miracles! Really, I do. As you know from the notice in November Smoke Signals we came to elections without a candidate for the office of Vice President. Then, as President Robert Doidge KI6KYW called for nominations from the floor (nominees for any office) a miracle happened and we had a single nomination. Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ nominated Albert Solomon KI6WRU for VP, and Albert was agreeable to the nomination. That gave us a full ballot. We took the vote by written ballot with Albert's name as a write-in. Interestingly enough though, when Albert's name was announced there was a misunderstanding of his name, and some mistook the name as Sullivan, instead of Solomon. Oh well, Solomon still got the majority of votes.

We received 18 written ballots (its official as the by-laws indicate we need a quorum of 20% of paid members which would be 11 members). Results of the ballot for 2010 officers is as follows:

President:	Robert Doidge KI6KYW
Vice President	Albert Solomon KI6WRU
Secretary	Paul Broden K6MHD
Treasurer	Gene Thorpe KB6CMO

Board Members at Large:

Larry McDavid W6FUB
Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ
Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE
Alex Valdez K9BLK
Bill Preston KZ3G

Board Meeting Minutes

The December 2, 2009 FRC board meeting was called to order by the president Robert Doidge KI6KYW at 7:33pm. Also present were: VP Bill Preston KZ3G, Treasurer Gene Thorpe KB6CMO, Board members Larry McDavid W6FUB & Robert Gimbel KG6WTQ, incoming VP Albert Solomon KI6WRU, & club members Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE & Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU.

A discussion about the main prize for the installation/holiday dinner resulted in a motion to: Contact manufacturer in Anaheim for possible donation/discount of a charger that supports UHF/VHF & permission for Treasurer Gene Thorpe to take additional funds from treasury to get one. Passed unanimously. Offer to do a write up/advertisement in newsletter. Donations from other sources expected also.

Need for additional attendees at installation/holiday dinner led to President Doidge to offer to send out another e-mail. It was also suggested inviting HDSCS members & VP Preston offered to talk to April, WA6OPS.

Membership: 15 renewals so far.

Treasurer's report: checking- \$1411.32 +\$192 from dues/dinner reservations. Savings- \$1689.01. OCCARO dues/OC Fair support money requested & check written & given to our representative Larry McDavid. Membership in SCRPA (Railroad Days) & PO Box dues are due by end of year. Checks to be sent.

Upcoming events in 2010: (If you would like to participate contact Gene Thorpe - CT)

- Fullerton Jr. Tennis Tournament: Jan 30-31, Feb 6-7
- LA Marathon: Mar21
- Baker to Vegas: Apr 17/18
- Donate Life: May 1

- Railroad Days (in Brea): May 1-2
- Airport Day: May 22
- Field Day: June 26-27

Tech classes were discussed: decisions need to be made re: when, where, who will teach. Is 18 hours too much? Info valuable? Year round follow up classes to provide additional support? Also possible General class.

ANTs (antennas in the park) was mentioned & suggested to think about if we want to do it again. Will discuss at future meeting.

OCCARO now meets 2nd Wednesday at Red Cross in Santa Ana.

Programs:

- Jan- Clint Bradford AMSAT Area Coordinator (see info elsewhere in paper)
- Feb- Wayne Berringer KB6UJW Emergency Comms
- Mar- Bill Kohlenberger W6ZJE sunspots

Possibility of changing location of pre-meeting dinners for next year to Coco's was brought up. Need to check on service.

IRS reporting e-postcard will be handled by Bill W6ZJE & Paul K6MHD. Need to put together a calendar as to when (yearly/biyearly) these type of things need to be done.

New business: received a list of ham equipment from Carl West in Glendora. No explanation. Prez Doidge will call for info.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl Thorpe KE6TZU

November T-Hunt Results

On November 21, Dave Balgie N6MJN hid the FRC transmitter in western Pomona, northwest of Phillips Ranch, up against the hills at the end of Bluegrass Place. This area has been used before, and it can give a good Baldy Bounce to the signal. Two teams came out and each had rather high mileage.

Team	Odo
<u>Calls</u>	<u>Miles</u>
WA6PYE/N6AIN	24.5
N6ZHZ	37.9

The next hunt will be on Saturday, December 19, starting at 8 PM from the intersection of Skyline and Acacia in Fullerton.

73,

Joe Moell K0OV

Happy Holidays

Please visit <https://www.orange-arrrl.org/web/> for our latest newsletter and previous newsletters. And as always, please pass on to others who may not be members but are interested in what is going on in the section or other sections

73

Cathy K6VC

Orange Section Newsletter Editor

Fullerton Radio Club History

59 YEARS IN DEVELOPMENT-- FULLERTON RADIO CLUB... ON OUR WAY INTO THE FUTURE

Many of us, new, long timer or "old timer" FRC members might be surprised at some of the legacy of our club's member's historical contributions.

An example, Paul Lieb, KH6HME, from Anaheim in 1947 attended Fullerton J.C. Paul and I met on 2 meters just as frequency stable VHF WWII surplus was evolving. Paul's move to Hawaii and his great VHF & UHF interests have led to worldwide recognition of tropo-ducting via trans-Pacific propagation. Paul's is one of six organizers on FRC's 1950 "Articles of Incorporation".

This was forcefully brought to mind in mid October, when I sadly learned that my close friend and 30-year work associate, Orris Flatten, W6IEP had joined the SK (Silent Key) group of hams. Orris moved to this area on earning a MSEE from Stanford in 1952 to work with us on Daylight Star Trackers at North American Aviation in Downey.

Orris soon joined year old Fullerton Radio club. He soon became extremely busy because his high school age entrepreneur brother-in-law needed technical help to become a millionaire by the time he was 21 years old. One of Orris's many resulting important patents include the famous intravenous infusion pumps & monitors, today widely used in hospitals worldwide. He retired in 1983 and moved to Durango CO keeping in touch on HF as an active ham and Dad to his large family.

Few in FRC today remember him so this set of comments was written both in memory of my close friend Orris, and to draw attention to the fact that our nearly 60 year old club has been, and continues to be home to a highly creative,

distinguished, and unique group of Hams and close friends giving back in public service.

As you renew your membership this year don't fail to notice the remarkable level of activities that we can still contribute our interests to. My money is on the expectation that even more remarkable contributions by FRC members will surprise us in the future.

By the way, check out who were the authors of the authoritative book on T-hunting "Transmitter Hunting Radio Direction Finding Simplified". It's become the standard reference on the subject.

Further, who in FRC pioneered the nationally recognized hospital emergency support organization using Ham radio volunteers? That generous idea is still spreading.

Also, notice that FRC's 2010 program offers many chances for more communications practice through public service.

1. Fullerton Jr. Tennis Tournament January 30 and 31, February 6 and 7, 2010.
2. DonateLife Run/Walk May 1, 2010
3. RailRoad Days also on May 1st & 2nd, 2010.
4. ARRL Field Day, June 27-28, 2010

With a new slate of officers being introduced at our annual Holidays dinner, our 60th year promises to a continuation of ham radio fun. By the way, KH6HME tries to join us each year at our Christmas season Annual dinner. Hope to see you all at Marie Calendar's, Friday December 18, 2009.

73 & may you all have a happy holidays season.

Bill Kohlenberger, W6ZJE

FRC Regular Club Meeting

Third Wednesday of each month
Fullerton Senior Center
340 W. Commonwealth Ave.
Fullerton, CA

Next Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Dinner before the meeting 5:15 PM at:
Ruby's Diner; Harbor Blvd. at Orangethorpe

Meeting time: 7:00 PM

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FRC Board Meeting

Open to all members

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

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 6, 2010

QSO and dinner; 7:00 PM

Meeting: 7:30 PM

FRC Tuesday Net

8:00 PM – 147.975 (-) PL 114.8

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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.